



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C33
Serial No.: 09/997,529 Group Art Unit: 1647
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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 and an Information Disclosure Statement with requisite fees. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 18, 2005 in this case; hence this amendment is timely filed and no extension fees are deemed necessary. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.